

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12. Cancelled

13. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer pad for bicycling shorts, comprising:

a first cloth layer;

the first cloth layer being elastic;

a second cloth layer;

the second cloth layer being elastic and having at least one inelastic portion;

a first continuous foam layer;

the first continuous foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer;

the first continuous foam layer located between the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer and contacting the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer;

the first continuous foam layer being elastic such that the ~~chamois~~ multi-layer pad stretches;

at least one foam pad coupled to the first continuous foam layer wherein the at least one foam pad is aligned to support at least the buttocks area of a user;

the at least one foam pad positioned between the first continuous foam layer and the second cloth layer;

the first continuous foam layer interposed between the first cloth layer and the at least one foam pad to prevent contact between the at least one foam pad and the first cloth layer; and

the at least one foam pad aligned with the at least one inelastic portion of the second cloth layer, such that the at least one foam pad is inhibited from stretching.

14. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 13, wherein the at least one foam pad is inelastic.

15. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 13, wherein the at least one foam pad is elastic.

16. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 13, wherein at least the second cloth layer contains an anti-microbial material.

17. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 13, wherein the first cloth layer comprises an inelastic portion aligned with the at least one foam pad.

18. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 14, wherein the at least one foam pad is denser than the first continuous foam layer.

19. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 14, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises multiple densities at least one of which is denser than the first continuous foam layer.

20-49. Cancelled.

50. (Currently Amended) The multi-layer pad of claim 13, wherein the ~~elastomer~~ multi-layer pad is flexible.

51-56. Cancelled.

57. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 13, further comprising the first continuous foam layer coupled to the second cloth layer.

58. Cancelled.

59. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer pad for cycling shorts configured to support at least the buttocks area of a user, comprising:

first and second elastic cloth layers, wherein the second elastic cloth layer has at least one inelastic portion;

a continuous foam layer positioned between and in contact with the first and the second elastic cloth layers, wherein the continuous foam layer is coupled to the first and the second elastic cloth layers;

at least one foam pad positioned between the continuous foam layer and the second elastic cloth layer, wherein the at least one foam pad is coupled to the continuous foam layer, wherein the continuous foam layer is interposed between the at least one foam pad and the elastic cloth layer to prevent the at least one foam pad from contacting the first elastic cloth layer and wherein the at least one foam pad is aligned with the at least one inelastic portion to inhibit the at least one foam pad from stretching and wherein the at least one foam pad is aligned to support at least the buttocks area of a user.

60. (Currently Amended) The multi-layer pad of claim 59, wherein at least one of the following is true:

I) the at least one foam pad is elastic;

II) the at least one foam pad is inelastic;

III) the at ~~least~~ least one foam pad is denser than the first continuous foam layer;

and

IV) the at least one foam pad comprises multiple densities, wherein at least one of the multiple densities is denser than the first continuous foam layer.

61. (Currently Amended) The multi-layer pad of claim 59, wherein the ~~chamois~~ multi-layer pad is flexible.

62. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 59, wherein at least the second elastic cloth layer contains an anti-microbial material.

63. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 59, wherein the first elastic cloth layer comprises at least one inelastic portion aligned with the at least one foam pad.

64. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer pad for cycling shorts configured to support at least the buttocks area of a user, comprising:

first and second elastic cloth layers, wherein the second elastic cloth layer has at least one inelastic portion;

a continuous foam layer positioned between and in contact with the first and the second elastic cloth layers, wherein the continuous foam layer is coupled to the first and the second elastic cloth layers;

at least one foam pad positioned between the continuous foam layer and the second elastic cloth layer, wherein the at least one foam pad is:

a) coupled to the continuous foam layer,

b) aligned with the at least one inelastic portion to inhibit the at least one foam pad from stretching,

c) prevented from contacting the first cloth layer by the interposition of the continuous foam layer between the first elastic cloth layer and the at least one foam pad,

d) one of ~~[[a]]~~ an inelastic or elastic material,

e) denser than the first continuous foam layer, and

f) aligned to support at least the buttocks area of a user.

65. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 64, wherein the first cloth layer comprises at least one inelastic portion aligned with the at least one foam pad.

66. (Currently Amended) The multi-layer pad of claim 64, where the ~~chamois~~ multi-layer pad is flexible and wherein ~~the~~ at least the second cloth layer contains an anti-microbial material.

67. (Previously Presented) The multi-layer pad of claim 64, wherein the foam pad comprises multiple densities and wherein at least one of the multiple densities is denser than the first continuous foam layer.